

tax cuts and tax increases in the general revenue have absolutely no impact on the Medicare trust fund.

#### TAX BREAK DETRIMENTAL TO NATION

(Mr. HILLIARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, we cannot allow the extreme right wing agenda of the Republican party to ruin this Nation in order to give a shameless tax break to their wealthy supporters. How can the Republicans cut programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors, and health programs for mothers and infants, and, yes, still propose this obscene tax break for the rich?

Mr. Speaker, this shameless tax break is bad for the working men and women of America, and, if it is bad for them, it is bad for Americans. And, yes, Republican are bad for America.

#### REPUBLICANS HAVE HEHEDED WARNINGS ON MEDICARE CAPS

(Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I do not know what we are talking about here when the other side is talking about cuts in Medicare. It seems to me that going from \$4,800 per recipient per year to \$6,700 is an increase.

Mr. Speaker, unlike the liberals on the other side of the aisle, Republicans have heeded the warnings of the Medicare Trustees Report. That report concluded that immediate action is needed to save Medicare for future generations.

Republicans are fully aware that millions of Americans rely on Medicare to help meet their health care needs. That is why it is called Medi-Care, because it provides care for our parents and grandparents.

On the other hand, liberal Democrats want to exploit this issue. To them this is MediScare. They want to scare people into believing something that is not true. Their tactics are fear, and their goal is to divide the American people.

Mr. Speaker, Medicare is too important a program to be allowed to go bankrupt. The American people must know that Republicans intend to protect and preserve Medicare. We will protect it for current and future beneficiaries, and we will not allow Medicare to become MediScare.

#### TAXES, TAXES, TAXES

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, retirement tax, income tax, property tax,

excise tax, sales tax, beer tax, tobacco tax, cable tax, telephone tax, gasoline tax, hotel tax, surtaxes, taxes on taxes, and, don't forget when you die, inheritance tax. But also how about tolls, user fees, service charges, licenses, transfers. And some experts around the country are saying we don't need tax reform.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. Maybe, just maybe, these so-called experts are so dumb, we could throw them at the ground and they would probably miss.

#### REAL CUTS BEING MADE IN FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

(Mr. EHLERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I am very disappointed once again this morning to hear the other side of the aisle talking about imaginary cuts to Medicare, cuts which have never been proposed by the Republicans and which we never plan to implement. I want to show you the cuts that the Republicans are implementing, and this chart shows the beginning of that effort.

We might call it a Sav-O-Meter. The legislative branch we have cut by \$150 million; foreign aid by \$1.5 billion; the energy and water budget by \$1.6 billion; the Interior budget by \$1.6 billion.

We are just starting. We are only partway through the appropriations process, and we have already cut \$5 billion out of the Federal budget compared to last year. We expect to go up to about \$21 billion.

What does this mean to Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer of America? Roughly at this point about \$50 per family in cuts already. We expect to get up in the neighborhood of \$210 to \$250 in cuts for the average American family. Those are real cuts. Those are cuts the people will notice. They are not the imaginary cuts the other side talks about.

#### PROGRAMS DESPERATELY NEEDED BY CHILDREN BEING CUT

(Mr. ROEMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, just this week Columbia University released a poll where they asked our Nation's children what is your biggest fear or concern in school today, in 1995?

Well, what would you guess they answered? Was it an equation in an algebra test? That would have been my biggest worry. No. Was it a biology test? No. Was it drugs in school? Yes.

By a 2-to-1 margin, our children are more worried about drugs in school than algebra, biology, or even guns in school. So what are we doing about that? What did the Republicans do with our Drug Free School Program, which has received bipartisan support through the years? They cut it by 60 percent; 23 million children are going

to be cut off Drug Free School Programs.

Now, unless you have got a lobbyist around here, sometimes it means that you do not fair very well. Let's cut the space station. Let's cut B-2 bombers. Let's not cut something our children desperately need.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

(Mr. MARTINI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern over the Supreme Court's recent decision in Hubbard versus United States. In that decision the high court overturned a Federal statute that has been used to prosecute Members of Congress and others who intentionally and knowingly release false or deceptive information to Congress. The current law no longer is applicable to such situations.

As a former Federal prosecutor, I know that section 1001 of 18 U.S. Code is a critical provision of law, which protects the Federal Government from potential waste, fraud, and abuse.

That's why in response to the Supreme Court's decision, I have introduced the Government Accountability Act (H.R. 1678) which will extend the false statement statute to all three branches of the Federal Government.

If Congress fails to act, unscrupulous public officials, contractors, and private citizens will be able to engage in acts of fraud and misconduct against the Federal Government without fear of punishment.

Mr. Speaker, we are here to serve the American people not ourselves.

In closing, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 1678 which brings accountability back to the Federal Government.

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#### TAX BREAKS FOR THE WEALTHY

(Mr. BROWN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I have a modern day Robin Hood story to tell. Except this one, unlike the original story, does not have a noble ending. You see, the Robin Hood of Capitol Hill has it backward: He is stealing from the poor to give to the rich.

Of course, Republicans do not want to admit this. But how else can we describe the Republican plan to cut Medicare to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy?

Consider this: The median income of senior citizens in 1993 was about \$15,000 for males and \$8,500 for females. About 3.8 million seniors lived below the poverty level in that year.

It is this group of citizens—27 million of them—that will have about \$1,060